

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR NOTICES OF THE Park Methodist Episcopal Church

BROAD AND PARK ST., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Minister:

REV. JOHN OGDEN WINNER, M. A.
26 PARK STREET.

A sale of homemade cake, candy and bread will be held this afternoon in the office building of Charles W. Martin, 43 Broad Street, under the auspices of the Basket-Ball team of Park Methodist Church. Come and buy.

Monday evening, April 15, at 8 o'clock, Judge A. Z. Blair of Ohio will speak in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League. A rare opportunity to hear a great man.

The Men's Club of the Brotherhood invites all adults to attend "Ladies' Night" public meeting Tuesday, 8 o'clock prompt. Vocal and instrumental music and addresses. Miss Josephine Baldwin will speak on "The Menace to the Home—Cheap Literature and Moving Pictures." Miss Zip E. Falk will speak on "The Menace of Industrial-Social Conditions." You ought to be interested. Come and learn about some of the facts relating to affairs of to-day.

Wednesday at 8 P. M. Rev. George D. Whitehead will lead the Prayer Meeting.

April 26, Friday, Ladies' Aid give a Dutch Supper.

Easter at Westminster.

At the Easter exercises of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday-school there was an attendance of 545 officers, teachers and pupils. The primary class more than filled the entire platform.

One might safely challenge a stone to witness, without emotion, fifty or seventy-five girls and boys, between five and ten years of age, pick their way with careful steps and artless childhood, march in long lines to their places, and then hear their young voices in hymns and recitations. A moderator of the General Assembly left a chair of theology for the pastorate again because, as he said, he loved to hear the voices of sheep and lambs bleating together. Our Saviour was fond of little children, and used to point his disciples to them as models of certain kinds of virtues. Except ye become as little children, i. e., for humility, confiding trust, affectionateness, willingness to be led, etc., ye cannot be My disciples. There is something in the looks, acts and voices of childhood which can never be repeated in later life.

There is an artlessness, simplicity, confidence, earnestness in their faces and conduct which fade as they come to know the world too well. There is in their voices a naivete, a charm, a pathos, a likeness to God, a flavor of immortality brought up out of the innocence of the unfallen age of the race. With mature years come more intelligence, more culture, and probably a deeper and broader enjoyment, but after the sun rises the morning dew melts away. Childhood comes but once. It is well for parents to make the most of it, and enjoy it in their children, to the utmost. There will be stillness in the home soon enough, when the birds have flown away, either into the world or to paradise. Heaven is full of those who left this world as little boys and girls. The golden streets are as well for them as for their parents. The city is full of girls and boys playing in the streets thereof. A rosebush in its glory has as many buds of different degrees of expansion as of full blossoms. David said of his dead child, "I shall go to him, but he will not return to me." The poet, Rev. John Pierpont, grandfather of the present financier, J. P. Morgan, wrote of a little son taken away:

"I cannot make him dead;
His fair sunny head
Is ever playing round
My study-chair."

R. W. Emerson wrote respecting a little boy taken from him to the same effect. It will continue to be so to the end of the world.

Every child is the image of God and of unfathomable value. The likeness in fallen humanity is blurred in all, but not wholly destroyed in any. It has been said that there is nothing great on earth but man, and in man nothing great but mind. There is always pathos and grandeur, in the presence of large numbers of human beings, not less of school children than of armies, or of great popular conventions. There was the baptism of infants at the Westminster Easter services. There is perhaps no more beautiful scene on earth—it may be none in heaven. Immortality, just crossed the threshold of conscious existence, is dedicated to its true Creator. Doubtless angels and holy ancestors, who are glorified, though unseen, hover around the covenanted rite.

There is much that is spectacular in such services, as there is at the Lord's table. But it speaks to the human heart, more loudly than do words. We are a spectacle to angels. They desire to look into these things; and so may we. A little child shall lead them. The

Sabbath-school is one of the most dignified places on earth. Those children will, many of them, become pillars of the church on earth, and in the eternal temple of God in heaven. They will become sanctified, partially here in this world, and completely hereafter. They will be filled with the Holy Ghost, and be conformed to the image of Christ. They shall be changed and have God's name in their foreheads. Their faces shall shine.

"Now we are the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." S. W. B.

The Trunk Sewer Contract.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR:—The town of Bloomfield would perhaps be in a better position to successfully oppose the undesirable sewerage projects of other towns if it had definitely settled its own sewerage disposal problem. It seems to be taken for granted that this town is a party to the Passaic river valley sewer contract. That is not the case. There has been much official talk about signing that contract on the part of the town, but it has never been done, and cannot be done now without the consent of the signers to the original compact.

As long as the town's own sewerage disposal problem is a matter of future uncertainty there is an element of risk in fighting other municipalities that are in the same situation.

Through the medium of the union outlet sewer contract, the city of Orange has a hold on this town in the matter of sewerage facilities, and Bloomfield's right to withdraw from that compact has not been settled.

If the way is clear for the town officials to sign the Passaic valley contract, and it is beyond question the proper course to take, then let the contract be signed and new allies secured in the fight against the Montclair-East Orange project.

Aged Goifer.

Thomas O. B. Condon, a member of the Glen Ridge Golf Club, has resumed playing golf, though he is 83 years old. He is a retired shipbuilder and did not learn the game until he was 81 years old. Now he is an expert, considering his age, and says he expects to reach the century mark in life through the fresh air and exercise which he gets by following the ball over the links.

Congdon is six feet three inches in height, symmetrical of figure, and his iron-gray hair and flowing beard add to his striking appearance. He had never been an athlete in his youth, and two years ago went to the links one day to see the golfers play. His son, E. W. Congdon, is one of the best golfers of the club, and he urged his father to take up the game.

Congdon often plays without glasses, and can do thirty-six holes in a day without fatigue. He makes it a rule not to play more than that number, however, as moderation is his motto. He is fond of his brier pipe, and after every game he takes his smoke in the club-house and discusses the technique of the play.

Hand Crushed in Machine.

Arthur Finnerty, 19 years of age, employed at the factory of the Cardersite Company in Bellevue Avenue, Glen Ridge, had his left hand crushed in a machine in the factory on Friday of last week, and was injured so badly that he had to be taken to the hospital.

If your feet hurt you go to Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiropodist, Trust Company building.—Advt.

Building and Loan

has become a household phrase and a word of magnetic force. Through the Essex County Building and Loan Association, which opens its forty-third series of stock this month and matures its twentieth series in May, well nigh 1,000 families in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey, own their own homes, and ever so many more have learned through its endeavors how to lay away a dollar for a rainy day, for the education of one's children or the starting of a business of your own. About a year ago a correspondent of THE CITIZEN, speaking of building and loan, said the following, which holds good to-day, and which we have no hesitancy in repeating:

"The writer knows a man of no mean ability who received a salary of seventy-five hundred dollars a year for at least ten years as an officer of a large banking institution. He lived up to his income and spent it all when the panic of 1907 overtook him. He lost his position. With no money in the bank and no roof over his head, he was forced to seek assistance from relatives. Similar cases exist by the score in almost every man's acquaintance. What a glorious thing it is to have your own home, and when adversity comes, as come it will, at least the loved ones are housed and the blow can be survived. The independence and strength of character that come to the man who has his purpose in life and sticks to it, are the things that help the world along. So many of us drift along like the ship without a rudder. Let those who drift and live from day to day set up as an objective the ownership of a home. With that purpose firm and fixed, make a beginning; small though it be, and stick to it through thick and thin. The world would be much better for it.

"The foregoing was prompted by reading of the opening of a new series of stock of the Essex County Building and Loan Association, and was not inspired or solicited by any of its officers or members.—O. B."

ODD MARRIAGE LAWS.

Lovers In Some Lands Meet Many Barriers to Matrimony.

In Norway no clergyman may perform a marriage ceremony unless both parties prove that they have been vaccinated or have had smallpox. In the same country a guardian may retain his ward's goods and chattels if she should marry without his consent. Marriages between one of orthodox faith and a non-Christian are forbidden.

Parental consent is necessary to marriage in Russia, and if the prospective bridegroom has insulted his parents or grandparents or the bride's parents or grandparents their pardon must be obtained to make the marriage legal.

This rule of obtaining parental consent when the parties are minors obtains in nearly every country, and in some of them the consent of grandparents is necessary. Divorce does not dissolve the matrimonial bond in most Latin countries.

Marriage laws sanctioned by the Byzantine emperors are still in force in Greece. There are many conditions that prohibit marriage there.

Practically any reason that would justify the belief that the marriage would be unhappy, such as riotous or immoral conduct on the part of one of the applicants for a license, is a bar to marriage in Peru, where marked disparity in class and social condition is recognized as an impediment.

Proved immorality and lack of sufficient means to support a wife serve as a bar in Austria. While a marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian is illegal in Austria, a change of faith after marriage in such cases does not validate the union.—San Francisco Bulletin.

General Invitation.

One morning Miss Lucy Halcomb, the most fastidious housekeeper in Bushby, who was reported to have washed an unfortunate grandnephew into a decline, opened her front door, having heard strange noises on the piazza. There stood a tramp, his shoes caked with mud, which he was scraping off with a knife and kicking off by alternate applications of his heels on her doormat.

"What are you doing?" demanded Miss Lucy indignantly. "Doing?" echoed the tramp. "I was starting round to the kitchen to ask the young lady I saw hanging out your clothes if she'd hand me a bite of breakfast. Then I thought I didn't make a very good appearance, and I was about to go on to the next house when I saw this mat with the invitation, 'Please use this mat,' right on it, so I stepped up here. In about five minutes more I'll look well enough so I can go round to the kitchen."

"Well!" said Miss Lucy. "Well!" and then she closed the door.—Youth's

Undeveloped.

"What struck you most forcibly during your visit to the city, Uncle Hiram?" asked the village oracle. "Waal," ruminated Uncle Hiram, "when I cum to in the hospital I'll be goosh dinged if I could recollect whether it was a trolley car or one o' them derned ottymobiles."—Philadelphia Rec-

Contracts Awarded.

The Town Council awarded the following contracts Saturday last: Furnishing cast-iron pipe for use of the water department, Florence Iron Works, Philadelphia, \$8,335; Glenwood and Maolis avenues storm sewer, Frank Moriello, Orange, \$1,657.40; laying Wilbard avenue concrete curb and gutter, Schouler Cement Construction Company, Newark, \$1,298.05; storm drain, James street to Third river, James T. Boylan, Belleville, \$314.67.

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A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting.

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